

## Message Text

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TO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI PRIORITY  
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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: BEXP, US, ER, KE  
SUBJ: VISIT OF NIGAL FOX, HALPER MARINE SERVICE CORPORATION REP

1. AT REQUEST MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, MINPET UNDERSECRETARY RIZKALLAH CALLED FEBRUARY 23 TO ASK IF EMBASSY NAIROBI COULD CONTACT SUBJECT VISITOR AND PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MINISTER OF PETROLEUM.

2. FOX HAD CONTACTED MINPET THROUGH LOUISIANA GOVERNOR REGARDING POSSIBILITY HALPER PARTICIPATING IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN EGYPT. MINISTER WROTE THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE FOX AT ANY TIME. FEW DAYS AGO MINISTER RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM FOX ASKING FOR HOTEL RESERVATION FOR FEBRUARY 28, THIS LATER AMENDED BY TELEGRAM FROM NAIROBI SAYING FOX NOT COMING UNTIL MARCH 2. FOX ADVISED MINISTER TO CONTACT HIM THROUGH AMERICAN EMBASSY NAIROBI.

3. MINISTER'S MESSAGE FOR FOX IS THAT HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS ARE IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN BECAUSE OF COINCIDENCE OF AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT. WHILE MINISTER PREPARED RECEIVE FOX IF HE COMES TO CAIRO, HE CANNOT HELP WITH HOTEL RESERVATIONS. MINISTER ASKED THAT WE CONFIRM RECEIPT OF MESSAGE BY FOX.  
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4. WE CAN SYMPATHIZE WITH MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND CONFIRM DIFFICULTY OBTAINING ROOMS NOW THROUGH END OF MARCH. THIRTY PLUS HEADS OF STATE AND DELEGATIONS START DESCENDING ON CAIRO NEXT WEEK FOR SUMMIT WHICH BEGINS MARCH 7. GOE HAS TAKEN OVER THREE OF PRINCIPAL CAIRO HOTELS MARCH 3-12 FOR AFRO-ARAB MEETINGS. THAT IS FOLLOWED BY INTERNATIONAL

CAIRO FAIR LAST TWO WEEKS OF MARCH.

5. MINISTER ASKED US UNDERLINE HIS READINESS TO MEET WITH FOX  
IF HE CAN OBTAIN HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS ON HIS OWN.

6. PLEASE ADVISE RECEIPT OF MESSAGE SO THAT WE MAY INFORM  
MINISTER.  
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